

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please delete paragraph [084] and substitute therefor:

[084] Pyridoxal binding proteins also have recognizable motifs. One motif is GXGGXXXG (SEQ ID NO: 2), a second motif is KXEX₆SXXK₅₋₆M (SEQ ID NO: 3), and a third motif is PXNPTG (SEQ ID NO: 4) (Suyama et al., Protein Engineering 8:1075-1080 (1995)).